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9. (Unclassified - LLM) Wilma Lehman, Civil Service Commission, called to express concern over the early action by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on a bill providing the right of counsel to employees being investigated for misconduct within a Federal agency (H. R. 1674). She indicated that OMB, CSC, and the Department of Justice are opposed and have made their positions known and also covered some of the concerns she felt would be common to all Federal agencies. I told her our people had focused on this legislation and that if it was moving we would no doubt want to make our views known as we did in the case of the earlier omnibus legislation (Constitutional Rights of Federal Employees) from which H. R. 1674 was taken.

10. (Unclassified - LLM) Hilda Schreiber, OMB, called concerning H. R. 1674 and she is sending us the views of Justice, OMB and the CSC and recommended that we make our views known to Chairman David N. Henderson, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service Committee, House of Representatives.

11. (Unclassified - LLM) Mason Cargill, Presidential Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States staff, called and I gave him a status report on the listing of congressional briefings for the last ten years which he had requested earlier which he thought was fine as the matter was not crucial. He then requested Agency positions on various proposed legislation over the past five years or so which I said we could pull together for him without too much trouble.

12. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Met with Frank Schwartz, FBI Liaison, and discussed approaches to resolve the FBI's concern to statements made by the Director during his testimony on 5 March 1975 before the Abzug Subcommittee which could be interpreted to mean that the FBI had made improper requests for assistance upon the Agency which we declined. It was agreed that (a) we could seek to amend the statement or write a letter to the Subcommittee, and I recommended against these approaches as they would focus attention and prompt further inquiry; or (b) the Director could write a letter to Director Kelley clarifying his statement and assuring that any assistance we declined was not due to an improper request by the FBI. Kelley could present the letter if called upon to testify on the matter. In this regard, several recent examples where CIA declined to assist the FBI were discussed with Schwarz. Schwarz said he would discuss this further with [ ] FBI Liaison, and with [ ] AD/DCI/IC, as to which approach would be best.

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